Claim 9, lines 1 and 2: Change "one of Claims 1 to 8" to -- Claim 1 --.

line 5: Delete methyl [sic] and replace with polymethyl.

Claim 10, lines 1 and 2: Change "one of Claims 1 to 9" to -- Claim 1 --.

REMARKS

The principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate discrepancies in the text and to eliminate multiple dependencies in order to avoid extra fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Zelano (Reg. No. 27, 969)

Attorney for Applicants

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.

Arlington Courthouse Plaza I

2200 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1400

Arlington, Virginia 22201 Direct Dial: 703-812-5311

Facsimile: 703-243-6410

Internet Address: zelano@mwzb.com

Filed: 20 December 1999